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Mr. Lester A. Snow
Cal Fed Bay Delta
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 115 5
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

It was a pleasure to meet you last week at the Cal Fed Meeting in Stockton. I must say you sure kept your cool before a hostile group.

Now to my problem. I am one of the owners of Headreach and Fern Island, the other owners are family members. I have been the caretaker and spokesman for this family property.

This property was purchased by my uncles in the early twenties. The family members have inherited the property. The property was cut in half when the deep water channel was constructed in 1929 & 1930. Property titles were transferred to make one island instead of two small ones.

Back in the early fifties, Mr. Wilber Leffer the County Assessor informed my uncle, Mr. Joseph Sacco to pay the taxes on the 20 acres of spoil area left in the old river bottom to make it one parcel. We have been paying taxes on the property since that time.

In 1996 Mr. Tom Luckey of the Luckey Co. has been negotiating to sell this property to Cal Fed. In early November, 1998 we were at a meeting in Sacramento and were given a copy of Cal Fed Bay-Delta Program, Restoration Coordination Program, Announcement of Approved Projects October 20, 1998. Our project 98-C 1025 Fern-Headreach Tital Perennial Aquatic and Shaded River Aquatic Conservation Project, was approved for \$425,000.00. I would like to complete this transaction.

I am sure we could come to a satisfactory agreement in a very short time, without a new environmental report another appraisal report that must have been done a months ago before the project was approved. Any questions about ownership of a small spoils area and taxes that have been paid for fifty years on the area, could be wiped out with a change of title. It would eliminate two court cases and years of hearings. Sue Moore of Alliance Title has everything but this small question. We are ready and wanting to close this transaction.

Thank you for any help you can furnish. This old man could get it out of the way. I would be willing to meet with you any time at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Clark